

# **Divine Liturgy**

Friday, December 25, 2020

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



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**Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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**The Nativity According to the Flesh of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord.** Priestmonk Jonah the Martyr of Pechenga (1590).

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, all confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Matthew by phone or text to schedule.

*(All Parishioners must review and follow the St. Nicholas Church Reopening Guidance when attending services in person.)*

### **Saturday, December 26, 2020**

Synaxis of the Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

### **Sunday, December 27, 2020**

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ - Feast of St. Stephen

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:45 am - Communion for Parish Children

### **Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)  
10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children

**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida (Live Stream will also be available)  
6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Forefeast of the Theophany  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)  
10:45 am - Communion for Parish Children

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

Theophany Eve  
9:00 AM - Reading of the Royal Hours (Live Stream will also be available)  
6:00 PM - Great Compline with Great Blessing of Water

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

Holy Theophany  
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)  
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)  
10:15 am - Communion for Parish Children  
7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

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## **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

### **The First Antiphon**

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known. (Ps.110/111:1a)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord. (Ps 110/111:1b)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

They are sought out according to His will. (Ps 110/111:2)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. (Ps 110/111:3)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

## **The Second Antiphon**

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps.111/112:1)

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. (Ps 111/112:2)

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever. (Ps 111/112:3)

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous. (Ps 111/112:4)

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

## **The Third Antiphon**

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand..." (Ps. 109/110:1a)

### **Tone 4      Troparion**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to thee! "...until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool!" (Ps 109/110:1b)

### **Troparion of the Feast**

The Lord shall send Thee the scepter of power from Zion: "Rule in the midst of Thine enemies!" (Ps 109/110:2)

## **Troparion of the Feast**

Authority shall be with Thee on the day of Thy power, in the splendor of Thy saints. (Ps 109/110:3)

## **Entrance Verse**

“Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.” The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: “Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” (Ps. 109/110:3b-4)

## **Tone 4      Troparion**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to thee!

## **Tone 3      Kontakion**

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

## **(Instead of the Trisagion)**

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

## **Tone 8      Prokeimenon**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! (Ps 65/66:4)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name! Give glory to His praise! (Ps 65/66:1-2)

## **Epistle**

(Galatians 4:4-7) But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18:1)*

*Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declare knowledge. (Ps 18:2).*

## **Gospel**

(Matthew 2:1-12) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise



men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

**Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:**

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

**Communion Hymns**

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. (Ps 110/111:9)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Christmas Poinsettia Donations**

## **Red Poinsettias**

Offered by The Distefano Family

Offered by Ann Marie Bretz

Offered by Michele Guydan

Offered by Subdeacon Michael Guydan

Offered by The Brusko Family

Offered by The Dorosh Family

Offered by The Kavchok Family

In Memory Of Peter Kohudic, Offered by Nancy Kohudic

## **White Poinsettias**

Offered by The Brusko Family

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Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Metropolitan Herman**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

**Priests:** Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Matushki:** Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Alex Roberts, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**